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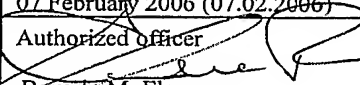
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

- ☐ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-4 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages 6 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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International application No.
PCT/IL04/00195**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-8</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-8 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Upsher (U.S. Patent No. 4,930,495). Upsher teaches a laryngoscope 10 having a blade 16 mounted to a handle 19 where handle 19 has a blade attaching head portion 21 and blade 16 has a handle connecting segment 14 and a tongue holding segment 15 (see Figure 1). Blade 16 may be made from a metal material (see col. 2, lines 40-42). Head portion 21 includes two parallel upright structures 22 and a perpendicular cross bar pin 20 extending between the upright structures 22 and proximate to crossbar pin 20 are recesses 50 which cooperate with means on blade 16 for retaining the blade 16 within the handle 19 (see Figure 4). Frangible tabs 321 cooperatively fit with recesses 50 (see Figures 7 and 8).

Claims 1-8 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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Claims:

1. A metal laryngoscope blade for removable double snap engagement into an operative intubation position on a laryngoscope handle, the laryngoscope handle including an upright U-shaped handle hook-on fitting including a pair of spaced apart substantially parallel upright supports with interior surfaces having a pair of substantially opposite recesses, and a pivot rod extending thereacross, the metal laryngoscope blade having a leading tip and comprising (a) a resiliently elastically deformable metal blade hook-on fitting including a thin walled U-shaped retaining member facing toward the metal laryngoscope blade's leading tip, and including a pair of spaced apart substantially parallel side walls with a resiliently elastically deformable bridge extending widthwise between their leading lowermost regions for defining a cutout for snap receiving the pivot rod therein on positive snap manipulation of said blade hook-on fitting thereon, said side walls having trailing regions with respect to said bridge having exterior surfaces at least one thereof being provided with a non-frangible metal protrusion integrally formed therewith for snap insertion into a handle hook-on fitting's recess on positive snap manipulation of the blade hook-on fitting fully into the handle hook-on fitting whereupon the laryngoscope blade assumes its operative intubation position, and (b) a metal spatula attached to said blade hook-on fitting for transversely extending from the laryngoscope handle in the laryngoscope blade's operative intubation position for insertion into a subject's mouth.

2. The blade according to claim 1 wherein said bridge has a centrally disposed indentation directed away from its leading tip for precluding non snap insertion of a GO/NO-GO cylindrical gauge having the same diameter as said pivot rod into said cutout.

3. The blade according to either claim 1 or 2 wherein said side walls have having exterior surfaces each provided with a protrusion for snap insertion into a

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